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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN/SOVIET CONTINENTAL SHELF DELIMITATION NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: A. OSLO 4517

B. OSLO A-10

1. KJELL ELIASSEN, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHO WILL LEAD NORWEGIAN SIDE FOR THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USSR NEXT WEEK IN OSLO, TOLD E/C COUNSELOR ON NOVEMBER 20 THAT SOVIET DELEGATION HAD NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED. HOWEVER, FROM VISA APPLICATIONS HE UNDERSTOOD THAT BORIS PODTSEROV WOULD SERVE AS AMBASSADOR ON SPECIAL MISSION TO LEAD SOVIET SIDE. OTHER MEMBERS OF SOVIET DELEGATION, WITH EXCEPTION OF JURI NETSJAJEV OF THE SOVIET NAVY, PARTICIPATED IN THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS (SEE REF B).

2. ELIASSEN SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT PODTSEROV BUT HE BELIEVED HE WAS PARTICIPATING IN SALT TALKS. HE ALSO HAD NO INFORMATION REGARDING NETSJAJEV, EXCEPT HE BELIEVED NETSJAJEV WAS THE AUTHOR OF SOME ARTICLES ON INTERNATIONAL LAW. ELIASSEN SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WE HAD ON PODTSEROV AND NETSJAJEV.

3. PROGRAM FOR TALKS ENVISAGES NEGOTIATIONS IN OSLO

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NOVEMBER 24, 25, 27 AND 28. ON NOVEMBER 26, SOVIETS WOULD

BE TAKEN TO STAVANGER WHERE SENIOR MEMBERS OF DELEGATION
WOULD BE TAKEN TO EKOFISK OIL INSTALLATION IN NORTH SEA
AND REST OF DELEGATION COULD VISIT CONDEEP OIL PLATFORMS
BEING CONSTRUCTED IN STAVANGER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AVAILABLE BIOGRAPHIC ASAP ON
PODSTEROV AND NETSJAJEV FOR TRANSMISSION TO ELIASSEN.
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